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Priority activities of the Biomedical Research Working Group:

- The Working Group has identified joint activities that focus on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and communicable diseases and research capacity improvement and NCD control planning and surveillance activities.
- Center for Disease Control (CDC) will work with the Ministry of Healthcare of the Republic of Kazakhstan or its medical institutions to determine the status of the joint strategic plan for monitoring, early detection, prevention, treatment and awareness on hypertension and cardiovascular diseases, as appropriate, to promote development of this plan, and, probably, to promote generation of the initial data.
 - o Possible timeline – To be determined
 - o CDC Point of Contact (POC) – George Schmid (in KZ)
- The Ministry of Healthcare and other relevant research institutes and universities of Kazakhstan are interested in partnership with the U.S. National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH) for research and training in the field of tobacco control through a workshop focused on the translation of data to policy in partnership with the CDC. NCI also proposes a workshop focused on increasing capacity for the translation of data to policy in women's cancers through a model developed by the Women's Empowerment Cancer Advocacy Network at the University of Washington. The implementation of such programs can be initiated by holding seminars in Kazakhstan with the participation of interested parties (Government/NGOs) from the United States, Kazakhstan and countries from the region that already have these programs.
 - o Possible training timeline – pending input from Gov. of KZ, but possibly 2015.
 - o NIH POC – Kalina Duncan/ Mark Parascandola / Jo Anne Zujewski, NCI
- At the meeting of the Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation Kazakh and American participants expressed a general interest in expanding the research capacity of Kazakh scientists. CDC and NIH have agreed to contribute to this initiative through various training programs and seminars. Some potential biomedical trainings are discussed below in the framework of the Action Plan. All the training programs offered by NIH will require the financial support of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan. In this regard, NIH welcomes the opportunity of funding scholarships, which was mentioned by the National Agency on Technological Development of Kazakhstan.
- NCI is interested in helping to expand the research capacity of Kazakhstan, with an emphasis on malignant diseases, clinical research and regenerative medicine through clinical oncology program scholarships and fellowships for short/long term research

in the field of stem cells and regenerative medicine (via NIH), in case of establishing of two-way mechanism.

- o Possible training timeline – no fixed dates; 1-2 years are preferred, but shorter observerships can be considered; will depend on the interest of KZ institutions, applicants and agreement with NCI
- o NIH POC – Tito Fojo / Mahendra Rao / Lyuba Varticovski

- CDC and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the U.S. National Institutes of Health could cooperate with the relevant institutions in Kazakhstan with the purpose of conducting the regional seminar on antibiotic resistance, including multidrug and extensive drug resistant tuberculosis, with the support of the International Science and Technology Center (ISTC), KZ.

- o Possible workshop timeline – September, 2014
- o NIH POC – Ranjan Gupta, NIAID; CDC POC – David Bull, George Schmid
- o Need to confirm KZ scientific institutions (e.g., National Academy